GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILL EFFECTS OF BAUXITE ORE-MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed bauxite ore-mining site in the Niyamgiri Hills on the Rayagada-Kalahandi border in Orissa adversely affect lives of the Dongria Kondhs, a primitive tribe residing in these parts and also the water system of this belt;

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify the situation; and

(c) the names of the various jungle streams, rivulets and rivers, which originate from the Niyamgiri and Devagiri Hills in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No such proposal for bauxite ore mining in the Niyamgiri Hills on Rayagada - Kalahandi Border has been granted clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b)&(c) Does not arise.